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WEATHER FORECAST
FAIR.
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January 23rd, 1912, Temperature a.m. 62, p.m. 60; Humidity...85, 95.

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TELEGRAMS.

SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

GOVERNMENT EMBARRASSED

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 23.

Though it is authoritatively stated that there is no question of Ministers resigning on the suffrage question, it is admitted that the embarrassment of the Government is increasing.

Besides the excessive "lobbying," in which even Ministers are active, many M.P.'s have received threatening letters. It is stated that many will be absent from the division.

Many Radicals also are angry at the possibility of women suffrage being passed under the Parliament Act.

The feeling is growing that the Bill may be replaced by the Plural Voting Bill.

Mr. Lloyd George's Promise.

Later.

Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Edward Grey and a number of M.P.'s have received a remarkable deputation of working women, teachers, servants, shop girls, pit-lasses, fisher girls and representatives of various other classes who urged the claims of women to the vote.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that he would certainly support Sir Edward Grey's amendment, and he hoped the House of Commons would ultimately decide to enfranchise working women to the proper extent. He emphasised the point that the time-table allowed ample time for the discussion of all the amendments, and if any of them were carried the Government was pledged to carry it through. The statement that any of his colleagues would resign was absolutely untrue, and he thought the stories that Liberals would vote against the third reading of the Bill were equally false.

Sir Edward Grey's Views.

Sir Edward Grey said the opponents of votes for women were poor, but their feelings were strong and genuine. That was a position which could not be overcome by menace and annoyance.

The "Guillotine."

Later.

The House of Commons was crowded on the discussion of a "guillotine" resolution allotting the time to the Franchise Bill.

Mr. Bonar Law suggested that the Government amendments made such a material difference that the Bill should be withdrawn.

The Speaker deferred from pronouncing an opinion until the amendments had been inserted in the Bill in its final form. He added that the women's suffrage amendments made a huge difference in the Bill, and Heaven only knew what form the Bill would eventually take.

"A Sensation."

The Speaker's remarks created a great sensation.

It is generally believed that if the Suffragette amendment is carried, the Bill will be withdrawn.

Mr. Asquith's Reply.

Later.

Mr. Asquith said the Bill was less sweeping than previous franchise measures.

A Voice: What about the Suffragettes?

Mr. Asquith: I am referring to the Bill as it stands. Continuing, he said the Government was anxious to deal with Redistribution at the earliest possible moment. He reiterated that the Government had not receded from its pledge, and the House was left free to vote on the question of women's suffrage. He proceeded to describe the nature of the various amendments.

TELEGRAMS.

SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

MR. BONAR LAW SPEAKS.

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Mr. Bonar Law emphasised that this was the fourth "guillotine" resolution within three months. The Bill was most important and most complex. He emphasised Mr. Asquith's position, he being an anti-Suffragette; yet if the Bill added thirteen million women to the register he would still perpetuate this national disaster. (Cheers)—and use the Parliament Act to prevent the country from giving its judgment.

OIL-ENGINED SHIP JUTLANDIA.

From the published particulars it appears that the oil-engined ship Jutlandia, which arrived in England from Singapore recently has justified the hopes of her builders, Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co., and owners. Interest in the Jutlandia naturally turns upon the performance of her main engines, which are the Diesel; single-acting, four-cycle type. The economy of fuel seems to have been satisfactory, and the general behaviour of the engines good; although a number of minor troubles were experienced. There was difficulty with the packing in the joints between the cylinders and covers, five or six of the covers having to be re-jointed. On the homeward voyage from Singapore a number of the exhaust valves pitted and had to be replaced. The fuel valves gave some little trouble, one of them sticking open and getting burnt fast in this position. Troubles such as these must be expected for some time, but they can be prepared for and put right without great difficulty. The pitting of the exhaust valves is a difficulty more pronounced with some oil fuels than others. It is experienced with gas engines, but some of the latest designs have effectually overcome it, and there is no reason why it should not soon cease to be an oil-engine trouble.

TELEPHONE INTERRUPTION.

600 Subscribers Cut Off To-day.

An unfortunate occurrence robbed about 600 subscribers of their telephone service to-day. We learn that a main serving the western end of the town, was cut into in the course of some work by P.W.D. Water got into the main and the service had to be suspended. Repairs are being carried out and the Telephone Company's staff will work all night. It is hoped that matters will be righted by to-morrow.

Bribery Charge.

When a Chinese was being arrested for gambling he offered the lunkong a bribe of ten cents. At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, he was fined \$3, or in default seven days for gambling, and \$25 or in default one month for offering the bribe.

St. Patrick's Society.

A notice of particular interest to Irishmen in Hongkong appears in our advertising columns. It appears therefrom that a movement is on foot for the formation of a St. Patrick's Society and doubtless we shall later learn that the proposition has been, as it should be, most enthusiastically taken up. One of the objects of the Society will doubtless be to see that St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) is duly celebrated.

TELEGRAMS.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

THE ALLIES' VIEWS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, January 23.

The delegates of the Allies in London are satisfied with Turkey's decision, though they point out that important questions, including the payment of an indemnity in proportion to the Ottoman debt to be assured the Allies, and the question of railways, must be concluded before peace is signed.

Turkey's Last Effort.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that it believed that the Note in reply to the Powers will not be a straightforward acceptance, but will probably attempt to make reservation leading to further discussion. However, with the cessation of Adrianople settled in principle, it is not likely that the early conclusion of peace will be delayed. The Grand Vizier, Nazim Pasha, the Minister of Finance, and Noradunghian spoke in the Grand Council.

Nazim Pasha said that the army was eager to fight, though there was little chance of recovering Salonika and Monastir, or even of relieving Adrianople, but other questions besides military militated against the continuation of hostilities.

The Minister of Finance explained the dependence of the Treasury upon the foreign markets. Noradunghian said there was little hope of European complications, and emphasised the attitude of Russia, which had recently twice warned the Porte that the continuation of hostilities might compel her to depart from neutrality.

Berlin Annoyed.

A Berlin telegram reports that the Press is attacking the Government for surrendering to the Triple Entente in extorting the surrendering of Turkey, which it attributes to Russian threats to invade the Asiatic vilayets.

The Peace Conference.

Later.

Reuter learns that Sir Edward Grey will probably convene a meeting of the Peace Conference for Monday, which will formally embody, in the form of a Protocol, Turkey's decisions.

Suggested Indemnity.

The Balkan delegates point out that there are still many serious and complicated questions which await settlement, and the signature of the Treaty will hardly be possible for a month.

It is believed that the Allies may agree to take over \$22,000,000 of the Turkish Debt, accepting half thereof as a war indemnity.

Montenegro Determined.

The Montenegrins say that the Conference of Ambassadors who on Wednesday discussed the question of Albania were much impressed with their view. They declare that they cannot, and will not, accept the Austrian proposal to give Montenegro a portion of the shore of Lake Scutari without the town itself. Montenegro is, they added, ready to fight for the town.

NEW YORK WEDDING.

A WEALTHY BRIDE.

London, January 23.

A New York telegram states that Miss Helen Gould, the richest spinster in America, has been married to Mr. Finley Shepard, Vice-President of the Missouri and Pacific Railway.

TELEGRAMS.

TURKISH CRISIS.

THE CABINET RESIGNS.

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London, January 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople states that the Cabinet has resigned owing to a demonstration.

General Mahmud Shekhet has been appointed Grand Vizier; Talaat Bey interim Minister of Interior; and Izzet Pasha Minister of War.

No Surrender.

Talaat Bey, interviewed by Reuter's representative, said "This means that we will save our national honour or perish. We do not desire a continuation of the war, but we are determined to keep Adrianople."

HOME GALES.

UNDERWRITERS' BIG BILL.

London, January 23.

The continuous gales which have prevailed since Christmas have cost underwriters over \$2,000,000.

THE PACIFIC MAIL.

Why Hongkong Chinese Smuggle Opium.

We print the following, from "Vancouver World," but refrain from comment:

San Francisco, December 6.—Such small wages are paid by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to its Chinese employees that they expect when they sign on to make a living by smuggling opium. Such is statement of Mr. J. B. McNab, United States attorney here, in an open letter to Mr. R. P. Schwerin, vice-president and general manager of the company.

"Your publicly requested me to make any suggestion I might have for the suppression of the opium traffic. At the several public hearings the following facts have been more or less clearly established:

"That the efforts made by your company to stop the bringing of opium aboard your ships at Hongkong have been fruitless because the detectives are Chinese.

"Whenever the opium is brought ashore the head Chinese boy in the department is made the agent for landing, but frequently it was landed through friends ashore.

"That the Chinese cannot well operate without the assistance of white persons, and frequently these are officers of the Pacific Mail.

"That the company maintains aboard nearly all of its liners a room designated as an opium den, within which the smoking of the drug is permitted.

"That it is notoriously reported that the Chinese members of the crew are paid sums so small that they expect in securing positions to take out a living by dealing in the contraband drug.

"That the head boys of the various departments are reported to pay the agents to secure their positions in order that they may participate in the rich profits accruing in the opium trade.

Mr. McNab suggests that men of other nationalities—perhaps Filipinos if white labour is too dear—be employed in place of Chinese.

"You would then be able to avail yourself," he continues, "of that conflict in races which is your excuse for the Japanese Steamship Line leading to little opium."

TELEGRAMS.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

FAVoured IN AMERICA.

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The New York State Legislature has passed a resolution in favour of votes for women.

THE KING AND PRINCESS BEATRICE.

Serious Quarrel Alleged.

The London correspondent of the "San Francisco Chronicle" writes:—

London, December 14.—A serious quarrel has arisen in the royal family because Princess Henry of Battenberg is offering for sale her well-known Isle of Wight residence, Osborne Cottage. King George and Queen Mary are incensed at their royal aunt's action in this matter and in taking the step she defied the King's strongly expressed wishes. The Princess and her King-Empress nephew are scarcely on speaking terms as a result.

Princess Henry of Battenberg is, of course, the daughter of the late Queen Victoria. As Princess Beatrice she accompanied her mother almost everywhere, and after her husband, Prince Henry of Battenberg, died in 1896, she became still more the confidante of the great Queen. At her death she inherited almost all the personal belongings which Queen Victoria most valued. Among these was Osborne Cottage, a delightful residence at Whippingham, in the Isle of Wight, only a short distance from Osborne House, where Queen Victoria died. It was here that Princess Eas, the daughter of Princess Henry of Battenberg, spent many days before she became Queen of Spain.

King George and the Queen take the view that it is scandalous for a member of the ruling family to put up at auction a residence which, though not belonging to the Government, was bought by Queen Victoria and left by her will to Princess Henry for life. King George is peculiarly sensitive to public criticism, and he foresees that this step will not increase the popularity of the royal family, especially as Princess Henry holds the honorary office of Governor of the Isle of Wight.

Princess Henry maintains that the cottage is hers to do what she pleases with. She has magnificent state apartments in Kensington Palace—one of London's most picturesque landmarks—and she declares that she does not need another establishment in the Isle of Wight. In fact she stoutly asserts that she cannot afford to keep it up. Her allowance from the British Government is comparatively small, she has three sons with expensive tastes, and Osborne Cottage, with its yacht in waiting and other expenses, proves more than she can meet, despite occasional assistance from her rich daughter, the Queen of Spain.

In retorting to King George's arguments that she would disgrace the royal family by putting up the cottage at auction, Princess Beatrice did not mince matters. In effect she said that it was all very well for the King to talk, but that when he and Queen Mary came to Cowes for the famous regatta, they stayed two weeks at Osborne cottage and she had to foot the bill for all the enormous expense of their staff and themselves.

The upshot of it is that, to the amazement of society, the fifty-five-year-old aunt of the King, besides being the mother of the Queen of Spain, has announced that she will sell, by auction if necessary, the home that was given to her by Queen Victoria.

TELEGRAMS.

BRAZILIAN NAVY.

DREADNOUGHT LAUNCHED.

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The Brazilian Dreadnought battleship Rio de Janeiro has been launched at the Elswick yards.

The Rio de Janeiro has a displacement of 32,000 tons and turbines developing a horse-power of 45,300. Her designed speed is 22.5 knots, and her armament consists of twelve 14-inch guns, fourteen 6-inch quick-firers, fourteen 4-inch and six smaller quick-firers. She has three torpedo tubes. The approximate cost of this huge craft—at the time she was laid down the biggest naval boat contemplated in the world—is said to be no less than £2,900,000.

TREATMENT OF RINDERPEST.

Permanganate of Potash Cure.

A recent issue of the "Journal of Comparative Pathology and Therapeutics," contains a valuable paper by Major G.K. Walker, F.R.C.V.S., of the Indian Civil Veterinary Department, dealing with the treatment of rinderpest with permanganate of potash. In December last when on tour, writes Major Walker, he was able to try the drug on two cases of rinderpest, which came under his notice, and the results were so favourable that further experiments were carried out under his orders. With regard to the original cases, one animal had all the typical symptoms of rinderpest except diarrhoea. One dose of 1 dram of permanganate of potash dissolved in 5 pints of water was administered. The animal appeared to derive immediate benefit and quickly recovered. The second case, a valuable bullock, had diarrhoea in addition to other characteristic symptoms, and this animal recovered after one dose of 1 dram of the drug in a gallon of water. These experiments were followed up by others in the Punjab, and so satisfactory were the results obtained, the villagers gained such confidence in the treatment, that they asked for it and eventually consented to have their remaining animals inoculated with protective serum, to which they had been much opposed originally.

We read that Mr. W.H. MacArthur, M.R.C.V.S., Government veterinary surgeon, Penang, is impressed by the result of the permanganate of potash treatment in cases of rinderpest, and, especially in view the high cost of the serum at present in use and the liability to lose its potency, he strongly advocates a trial of the drug as recommended by Major Walker.

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LOCAL.

The entries for the race meeting close to-morrow.

The Interport Football team has been chosen and is published to-day.

The Bremen, a big German liner, arrived here to-day, on her first trip on this route.

The Hughes Comedy Company staged "The Speculators" last night and present a double bill to-night.

The football shield competition opens to-morrow when the Hongkong Club meets the Staff and Departments.

A conference of missionaries working in the Diocese of Victoria, has been in progress in Hongkong for some days past.

The Hongkong and Y.M.C.A. hockey clubs met at Happy Valley last night. The former won by three goals to two.

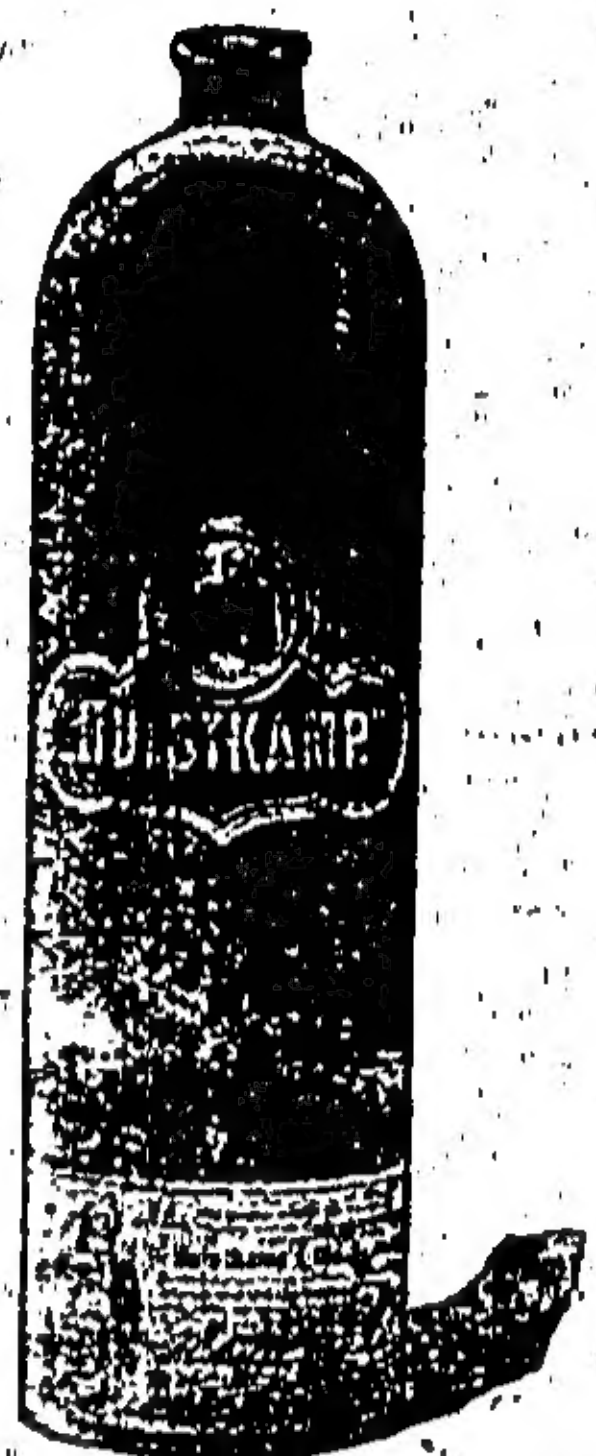
Mr. Justice Gompertz told an amak this morning, that she had told him a pack of lies. He dismissed the action she brought against her former mistress.

By the introduction of some sticky substance in the shutters for foreign letters at the Post Office, it is suspected that thieves were endeavouring to steal letters.

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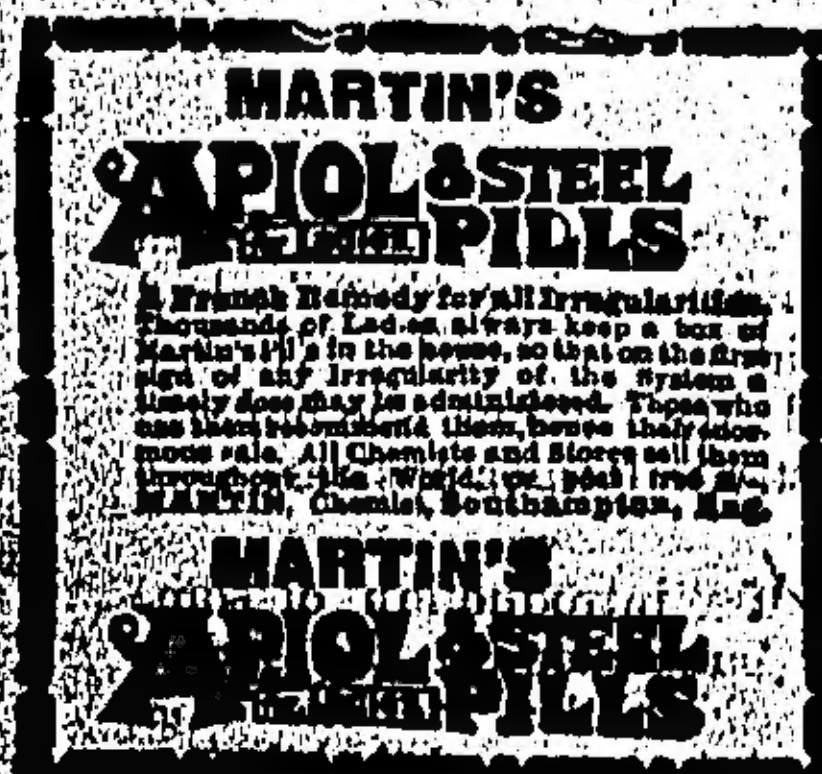
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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. " 15 min.
3.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.
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11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. " 15 min.
3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. " 10 min.
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CONTEMPORARIES

Daily Press.

Turkey's Decision.
Turkey by the peace settlement
must inevitably lose a very great
part of her European territory,
—possibly nine-tenths of it—but
as M. Poincare declared in the
speech to which we have alluded,
"she will still have a flourishing
Empire of considerable extent in
Asia, and she ought to concentrate
her efforts and her hopes
upon that Empire, a course which
would enable her to live on terms
of friendship with the great
European Powers, and particu-
larly with France." While the
British Government has declared
to France, "in a very friendly
manner," that it has neither political
designs nor aspirations of
any kind in those regions, France
claims to have special interests
there, and M. Poincare has an-
nounced that the French Govern-
ment is very firmly determined to
maintain in Asia the integrity of
the Ottoman Empire. That, of
course, is all to the advantage of
Turkey. In all probability had
the war been fought to a finish
the Sultan would have been driven
out of Europe completely, but as
it is, assuming that the Allies are
left by the peace treaty in the
enjoyment of the territories they
now hold by force majeure, the
Sultan will retain in Europe an
area of about 7,000 square miles
out of the 65,000 square miles
over which his sovereignty ex-
tended before the outbreak of the
war. But as Turkey comprises
in Asia an area of 682,000 square
miles, and in Africa 733,131
square miles, there will still
remain to the Sultan an Empire
equalling in extent the Empire
of Germany with all its extensive
colonies in Africa; and its 95,000
square miles of islands in the
Pacific.

South China Morning Post.

Another Eastern Republic.
The dream of glory as fondly
interpreted by a few enthusiasts
means, as Judge Tracey remarks,
"a little independent republic on
the eastern seas"—for Aguinaldo
is reported to be once more in
the political arena. If this be the
Alpha and Omega of independ-
ence according to Filipino thought
then we can see what baseless
things dreams are made of.
When powerful nations recog-
nize common interests and com-
mon foes, and wield mighty
influence in the councils of the
world, it is an effort to imagine
the Philippines in these days ex-
isting as a republic in eastern
seas. Under the aegis of the
United States the islands have
made, according to Secretary
Stimson, material, mental and
moral progress. This might con-
tinue, for the Filipinos have been
placed on the path which leads
to higher altitudes, but the very
existence of a small republic in
the Far East would, we fear, be
very soon challenged.

China Mail.

The Panama Canal Tolls.
Nations, like individuals, de-
generate when moral laxity is al-
lowed to develop, for it is a can-
cer that spreads greater destruc-
tion than war. Is it quite clear
from Senator Root's statement
that he is not in favour of the
question being made the subject
of any kind of arbitration, and
emphatically states in effect that
non-adherence to any other course
than that in accordance with the
Treaty provisions is "revolting
hypocrisy." As indicated, we take
a milder view, not that we are less
inclined to advocate firm adhe-
rence to Treaty obligations, but
we are of opinion that the great
sacrifices made by the United
States with regard to the Canal
perhaps justifies a revision of the
Treaty. Surely the matter is at
least worthy of consideration, and
we sincerely hope that the United
States will present its case in the
most favourable light, otherwise
in face of such condemnatory ex-
pressions of opinion as those of
Senator Root, together with the
terms of the Treaty referred to,
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Hongkong, 24th January 1913. [16]

GENERAL NEWS.

Bequest to China Inland Mission.
Considerable bequests to religious objects have been left by Mr. Charles Walter, of Lyndon House, Twell-road, Furbition Hill, Surrey, including £300 to the China Inland Mission.

Rubber Director's Will.
Mr. Andrew Oliver, a director of the British Malay Rubber Company, Limited, and of the Oriental Rubber Company, Limited, left estate valued at £14,020 gross, with net personality £13,880.

Interesting Marriage.
A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between William Bowes, son of the late James Lord Bowes (Hon. Consul for Japan), of Streatham Towers, Princes-road, Liverpool, and Emma Beatrice Krell, elder daughter of the late C. C. W. Krell, of Liverpool.

New Peruvian Consulates.
Senor Jose M. Sammiguel has been appointed Consul for Peru for the county of Kent, with headquarters at Rochester. He is one of twelve or fourteen Consuls appointed to various centres in Great Britain by the Government of Peru with the object of bringing about increased trade between the countries.

Health of Bangkok.
The following is a return showing the number of deaths from communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the City of Bangkok during the week ended the 4th January 1913:—

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|----------------|-------------|
| Bubonic Plague | Nil. |
| Cholera | 1 (on 4th). |
| Fever, Enteric | Nil. |
| Small Pox | Nil. |

"Culture Policy" in China.
Writing under the title of German Culture Policy in China, a contributor to a Bremen contemporary contends that the circulation of German literary work is suffering in China owing to the present conditions of the book trade there. He advocates, therefore, the establishment of a book distributing organisation that shall really introduce the products of German literary work to the people of China.

Famous Duel Recalled.
The death is announced of Mr. Tom Pickernell, a once famous amateur cross-country rider, who rode under the name of Mr. Thomas, and won the Grand National on three occasions. He was seventy-eight years of age. Mr. Pickernell once had a novel "duelling" experience with the Duc de Grammont. They tossed for choice of weapons, and Mr. Pickernell won. He nominated "fists," and forthwith ended the "duel" with a punch on the nose, which was sufficient for the Duc de Grammont.

China and the States.
Peking, January 13.—A movement has been started here to bring about closer relations between China and the United States. Former President Roosevelt and former President Sun Yat-sen have been nominated as honorary presidents of a society that is to organize and promote the movement. The plan finds many adherents but it is explained that neither Roosevelt nor Sun Yat-sen has been consulted as to his attitude toward the plan and its promoters, and there is some doubt as to their willingness to serve.

Chinese Suffrage.
Approximately 5,000,000 Chinese women living in the province and within the jurisdiction of Canton were granted suffrage by the provincial assembly just before it adjourned, says the "San Francisco Call." Immediately after the Manchu dynasty was overthrown the women of Canton, especially those in the city proper, took steps toward the enactment of laws which would give them the right to vote. White women, members of the International Suffrage movement, who were in Canton several months ago, aided the Chinese women in planning and carrying on their campaign. It is now thought that the lot of Chinese women will be much happier in the future, as they will have influence to change laws to the betterment of conditions as far as their sex is concerned.

Captain Bradley, D.S.O.
Captain R. W. Bradley, D.S.O., South Wales Borderers, has been appointed an officer of a company of cadets at the Royal Military College, Woolwich.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Appointed to the Merlin.
Lieutenant C. A. Browne has been appointed to the Merlin, surveying ship on the China Station, to fill a vacancy in her complement. Lieutenant Browne is a cadet of September, 1905, and reached his present rank in 1910.

Lieut. Fitzroy, R.G.A.
Lieut. R. H. Fitzroy, Royal Garrison Artillery, posted to No. 87 Company, Hongkong, has been in the service for a little over 12 years—so slow observes the "L. and C. Express" has been promotion in the Royal Artillery in the past few years.

Naval Ship-building.
Sir Francis Hopwood, Additional Civil Lord of the Admiralty, and Sir James Marshall, Director of Dockyards and Dockyard Work, have visited the dockyards with a view to arranging the programme of shipbuilding and refits to be provided for in the next Estimates.

H.M.S. Beaver's Accident.
H.M. destroyer Beaver, which went ashore off the Norfolk coast on December 21 and refloated, arrived at Portsmouth on the 23rd for overhaul and repairs. She sustained some damage to her bows, but not of a serious character, and made the journey round under her own steam, being taken to the tidal basin of the dockyard as a preliminary to being placed in dry dock.

The China Commands.
It is stated that the military distinctions between the North China Command and the South China Command are to be abolished and the commands amalgamated and controlled from a common centre. This is said to be some of the results of Sir Ian Hamilton's last tour of inspection in the Far East. Whilst Sir Ian was in China and the Far East he very carefully went into the question of the chief ports there and the provisions made generally for a naval war.

Colonel Koe.
Lieutenant-Colonel L. C. Koe, commandant, Legation Guard, Peking, who has been promoted to colonel by brevet, has had a varied career, says the "London and China Express." Joining the Royal Irish Regiment in 1882, he served therein until 1894, when he retired, and was appointed to the Reserve of Officers. Recalled from the latter during the Boer War, he was subsequently appointed to a majority in the Royal Garrison Regiment in 1902, and was placed on half-pay in 1905. From 1906 until 1909 he was employed with the Ceylon Volunteers, and was appointed to his present post in January, 1911. He has the Sudan, Hazara, and Benin expeditions to his credit, and was severely wounded in the latter.

The Naval Manning Problem.
During recent months we have referred to the naval manning problems on many occasions, says "The Globe," and the assurance of the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Admiralty that a condition of the Canadian gift is to be that the ships shall be additional to the programme of the Motherland makes the manning question an important and urgent matter. We are afraid that so far as the present recruiting system in Canada is concerned it must be pronounced a failure. Considerably more than 50 per cent. of the men engaged in Canada have deserted or otherwise left the Navy. They prefer shore to ship life, in a land where high wages rule and the freedom of the subject in the backwoods is almost without control. This means that the manning question has to be solved by the Mother Country, for Australians are not coming forward for the naval service in the numbers that it was hoped and expected would be the case. There is a shortage of applicants, and a very large number of men who leave when their first short engagement expires, in spite of all the inducements of pay, &c., that are held out to men born in the Australian and New Zealand Colonies. To those who understand the conditions of Australian life this shortage is not at all surprising. Patriotism may carry a man a long way, but with the poor we must not be astonished if they do not carry them further. It is fortunate that our naval training establishments have recently been enlarged.

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A VIRGINIA ROMANCE.

Eloping Pair's Escape.

An exciting experience was that of Lee Armentrout, of Clifton Forge, Virginia, who eloped with and was married to Miss Lulu Stombach, the daughter of a wealthy farmer of Bath County, Virginia. After journeying twenty-one miles over rough roads to his sweetheart's home, Armentrout helped the girl down from a second-storey window at three o'clock in the morning, and they hurried away in a buggy.

The couple arrived at Clifton Forge two minutes too late to catch the Chesapeake and Ohio train. They determined to go to Buchanan, Virginia, fifty miles further on, in the buggy. The horse, however, was fast giving out, and they had not gone far when it died.

As the lovers were debating what next to do an automobile overtook them to Buchanan for 25. They abandoned their buggy, and were soon speeding over roads that were so rough that they frequently found themselves bounding high out of the rear seat of the touring car.

The driver found that he could get to Troutville easier, as the roads he believed to be better, and after running over and killing a barking dog en route, and causing fright to numerous farm horses, the automobile reached Troutville five minutes before the arrival of a train for Bristol.

Eloping the Detectives.
"We boarded the train feeling that we were then in little danger," said Armentrout, in describing their adventures, "but it was only a little while before we saw detectives hunting for us. I went into the smoking car and struck up a conversation with an elderly travelling man. He was going to Bristol."

"I explained to him the plight we were in, and asked his help. We decided that the best thing to do was to have him play 'papa' to Miss Stombach. Going into the other car, he calmly took a seat beside her, and told her of the plan. She was more than glad to call him 'papa' in view of the fact that there was a ride of

more than a hundred miles ahead of us, with constant fear of the detectives.

"Several times officers had boarded the train and had searched the cars. At East Radford another got on, with a telegram, seeking our arrest. Two more officers got on at another station, but the fact that we were riding in separate cars, with an elderly man acting as Miss Stombach's companion, threw them all off the scent.

"When the travelling man alighted from the train at Bristol with Miss Stombach none of the waiting officers suspected that he was shielding a bride-to-be. I left the train from the smoking car, and was evidently taken for a travelling man. We did not feel safe though until after Mr. Burroughs had tied the knot."

A BROTHER'S HEROISM.

Skin Grafting Operation.

An operation involving the grafting of one and a half square feet of skin from the body of a brother to that of a sister has been successfully performed at Lincoln County Hospital.

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Her brother James, a Gainsborough workman, then went to the hospital and placed himself at the disposal of the surgeons. "The skin crop of the brother," said Dr. W.H.B. Brook, who operated, "was taken from the whole of the front of the thigh on both sides, and it was grafted on the sister's body. The 'planted' strips have taken on, are growing marvellously, and the girl is doing remarkably well."

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THE WHITE SLAVE ACT.

We have before in this column dealt with the Parliamentary enactment popularly known as the White Slave Act, but we are impelled to return to the subject because of the prominence which has recently been given it at the annual meeting in London of the Penal Reform League. That the matter should have been raised at this gathering was only natural, for in any review of the progress made in the struggle between the forces of crime and those of its repression or prevention, such a strengthening of the law as is secured by the new Act could not well go unnoticed. What we are surprised at, however, is that the speakers at the meeting should, practically without exception, denounce the attempt made in Parliament to punish offenders under the Act, after a first conviction, with a well-deserved flogging.

On this point of flogging, much is made of the argument that it degrades the person receiving it. This, indeed, was the line taken up by the chairman, Professor Sir John Macdonell. Yet he admitted that the crimes which *souteneurs* commit were more heinous, in his mind that many murders for which men had suffered, adding "It is a crime marked by every possible evil when a person, deliberately, in cold blood, destroys a fellow-creature, body and soul." To talk of "degrading" men who make their living by the commission of crimes aptly described as worse than murder, is to betray a softness of heart which does no credit to the head. Wretches of this type it is impossible to degrade any further; but an introduction to the efficacy of the "cat" in inflicting bodily pain, might at least instil into them genuine fear and tend to bring them to their senses. Another speaker, a clergyman, protested against the clauses empowering flogging, on the ground that he did not think the administrators of the law had any right, "especially in a country which professed to call itself Christian," to flog even the most hardened criminal until it had exhausted every possible method of turning him into "a self-respecting citizen." We almost doubt if the suggested transformation could, by any means whatever, be made in the case of a wretch who has for any length of time engaged in this abominable business; certain are we that mere imprisonment will not cure the hardened brute who has gone so far as to be twice convicted under the Act. And it has to be remembered that only after two convictions can flogging be imposed.

Personally, we would have liked to see flogging made the punishment after one conviction, but we realise that, in this matter, half a loaf is better than no bread. That the Act is having a good effect is apparent from the fact that on its coming into force many notorious bullies left the shores of England, and we notice that France is much concerned over the new and undesirable arrivals from London. The matter is to be brought up in the French Chamber, if indeed it has not already been. Our hope is that French legislators will take a leaf out of England's book in dealing with these skanks whose sole means of livelihood is the prostitution of others.

Their own Petard.

A piquant political situation is disclosed in this morning's telegrams. Many radicals, we are told, are angry at the possibility of Women's Suffrage passing under the Parliament Act. Presumably they fear that Sir Edward Grey's amendment will be carried and they foresee themselves in a cleft stick. The Government can either accept defeat, and resign, or accept the amendment and stand god-father to it after. Should the Lords throw out the Bill, the Government, to win its own way, must put the Parliament Act into operation and carry the hated amendment with them. There is something in this situation which tickles one immensely. The Parliament Act, which was an instrument of reform two years ago, has now become an instrument of terror to its own inventors. The Liberal rank and file must be beginning to doubt the wisdom of its leaders.

Turkey's Capitulation.
The game is up with Turkey. She has practically resigned herself to the inevitable, and Adrianople, as well, perhaps, as the Aegean Islands, will have to be handed over to her allied foes. In this column three or four days since we remarked that the pill might be a bitter one but would have to be swallowed. Turkey is preparing to take the unpleasant dose, but it is apparent that she does not like the task. Telegrams say that the reply to the Powers' Note will not be a straightforward acceptance of its suggestions, but that the Porte will make certain reservations with a view to further discussion. As we see it, however, the day for further parleying is past. Neither the Powers nor the Allies are in a mood to permit a further prolongation of the present suspense. The time has come for Turkey to make the big surrender. She knows it. But she is vainly trying to put off the evil day.

A Danger to the Public.
We do not expect that life can be made as easy for the wayfarer in Hongkong streets as it is in those of London or Liverpool, but we really think the police might insist that a few general by-laws for the safety of the public should be observed by coolies whose work it is to carry burdens along the various thoroughfares of the Colony. Twice lately we have seen the end of a bamboo rammed into the face of a foot-passenger (one case being that of a lady) by a heedless coolie, who ought not to have been on the pavement at all; and the same kind of thing is probably happening a score of times in a week. Another practice, more dangerous even than the irresponsible swinging round of bamboos, is that of allowing long iron rods to be carried—anyhow and at any angle—in crowded streets. Yesterday one of these rods, at least twelve feet in length, was being carried over the shoulder of a mere boy; the hind end of it trailed along the road, while the other end pointed upwards at an angle very convenient for poking out the eye of any passenger by chair or rickshaw. One European just dodged it by a bare half inch. Can the police do nothing to prevent this sort of thing?

Education and Crime.
Folk who are education-mad are always telling us that ignorance is the great ally of crime and vice, and that the criminal type must disappear before advancing civilization. Must it? We have a sort of idea that forgers, falsifications, criminal libel, betting frauds and confidence tricks are slightly more common than they were when the world was in the darkness and blindness of ignorance. We are also of opinion that the old-fashioned type of burglar, who trusted in his good bludgeon and cold-chisel, was very considerably less of an enemy to society than those highly scientific gentlemen who, like the Holborn safe-robbers, furnish themselves with blow-pipes, batteries, gas cylinders etc., when they are out after "swag." This, look you, is the "march of education."

No Hurry.
A short-sighted old lady in a hurry to mount a tram-car held up her umbrella and shouted to the driver of a passing vehicle, "Stop!" to which the driver replied, "Don't be in a hurry, missus, it ain't your turn yet." It was a horse.

DAY BY DAY.

There would be far fewer sorrows among mankind if men made less use of their imaginations in recalling the memory of past sorrows than in bearing patiently their present lot.

From Home.
Colonel and Miss Tracy arrived from Southampton by the s.s. Bremen to-day.

The Persia.
The s.s. Persia, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., left the ways at Taikoo Docks this morning, after having been overhauled.

Stole \$25.
A Chinese who stole \$25 from an Indian was sent to goal for three months and ordered four hours stocks at the Police Court.

Arrived from Tonkin.
Monsieur Andre Ducamp, who is one of the Tribunal Judges, and also Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce in Tonkin, arrived in this Colony to-day.

Judgment By Consent.
Judgment was given by consent in the case of Kennedy v. R.M.O. Gutierrez, concerning a claim for \$24.52, in the Summary Court, this morning, by Mr. Justice Gompertz.

Interesting Visitor.
Captain G. Rabier, of the 2nd French Army Corps, who holds the position of Superintendent of the French police at Shanghai, passed through the colony yesterday en route for Hanoi.

Contravention of Opium Ordinance.
At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, an old Chinese was fined in the aggregate \$71, or in default two months imprisonment, for offences against the Opium Ordinance.

Novelist arrives.
Miss Alice Schaleck, who has written many books of travel, and several novels, has arrived by the s.s. Bremen, and intends studying Eastern conditions. Her stay in Hongkong will depend upon the amount of material she can get.

An Unlawful Practice.
A man was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, with being in possession of dress ornaments and selling the same without authority. He was fined \$50 on in default a month on each charge.

Dismissed.
The two Chinese who were charged with converting twenty-five blocks of tin from the P. & O. s.s. Assaye, were dismissed at the Police Court, the charge being withdrawn in consequence of the principal witness having died.

Jeered at the Police.
A number of shopkeepers were fined \$10 each at the Police Court, this morning by Mr. F. A. Hazeland, for causing an obstruction by leaving their shutters outside. It was stated that three of them laughed and jeered at the European constable who cautioned them.

Visitors.
Major Menzies, an ex-officer of the English Army, has arrived in the Colony from Swatow and intends to remain for a few days. Dr. and Mrs. Gibson arrived to-day from Swatow, and intend leaving for Canton to-night. Dr. Gibson is interested in sanitary conditions in South China.

Mr. J. H. Lewis, Estate.
Mr. John Lewis, of Elm House, Hythe, Kent, and formerly of the firm of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik and Co., of Hongkong, who died on October 28 last, left estate of the gross value of \$17,046, of which \$16,438 is net personalty, and probate of his will has now been granted.

Hongkong Jockey Club.
Members are reminded that entries for the next Race Meeting close to Mr. T. F. Hough clerk of the course to-morrow. Those entering ponies are requested to send their entries to the office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, No. 3 Chater Road, Ground floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, before 2 p.m.

Junks Captured.
The master of a junk junk has reported to the police that on the 22nd inst., whilst sailing from Macao to Hongkong, the junk was captured and sank. A cargo of 525 piculs of fish scales was lost. The trouble occurred near Cheung Chau Island. The master of a junk has reported to the police that whilst off Cheung Chau Island his junk was captured and his cargo lost.

LETTER-STEALING.

New Style of Theft at the Post Office.

An interesting form of theft was discovered in operation this morning at the Post Office when it was found that someone had introduced some sticky substance into the foreign letter chutes for the purpose of preventing letters falling into the customary receptacle in the basement of the building.

The present style of chute, which is very long, and communicates with a basket or a bag to catch the letters, was designed to prevent thieves abstracting communications by means of the leaded line. In the instance that was discovered this morning a jelly-like substance, together with a piece of paper, was put some distance down the chute, so that letters were stopped, to await removal.

We understand that it was discovered on complaint being made by a gentleman, who had posted some letters, that they had not fallen properly and when an examination was made it was found that a clever attempt at theft had been made.

Mr. McI. Messer, the Postmaster General, explained to a representative of the "Hongkong Telegraph" that the work of placing the sticky substance must have been done last night and said that the robberies were probably carried out for the purpose of obtaining the stamps. He added that every care would be taken that such an affair should not occur again.

THE FULL COURT.

Last Appeal of the Present Sessions.

The last appeal of the sessions was commenced this afternoon in the Full Court before Sir Haviland de Saumarez, president, Sir William Rees Davies K.C., the Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Puisne Judge.

The case was one in which Kan Yung Chi was appellant and Kwok Siu Lau respondent. The appellant applied that a judgment of November 12, 1912 might be reversed in so far as it directed that a lease, dated March 1, 1911 and made between Mr. J. H. Seth on the one part, and the appellant on the other, was null and void as against Kwok Siu Lau, by virtue of the provisions of Ordinance 1 of 1844, and that the assignment, dated January 17, 1912, between the executrix and executors of the late Wei A. Kwong on the one part and Kwok Siu Lau on the other part, has priority over the said lease by virtue of the provisions of the same ordinance. It was also asked that the judgment should be reversed in so far as it directed that the plaintiff was entitled to the possession of the premises known as No. 256 Queens Road Central.

Mr. Eldon, Potter, instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, appeared for the appellant, and Mr. M. W. Slade K.C., with whom was Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, for the respondent. This case is not expected to be a long one.

THE BREMEN.

Big German Liner Arrives.
The N.D.L. s.s. Bremen arrived early to-day on her first visit to the port. Previously the Bremen, which is the largest German boat on this route, was on the run from Bremerhaven to Australia, but owing to the exigencies of passenger traffic to the East, the N.D.L. Co. decided to use the Bremen on this route.

The Bremen was built in 1897 at Danzig, by Messrs. Schichau, and her dimensions are: 550 feet long, 80 feet beam and 35 feet draught; gross tonnage 11,570 tons. The Bremen is equipped with the latest installation of submarine signalling apparatus, and has a wireless equipment whose range is 1500 miles.

Her passenger list is a large one.

PRINCES TRAVEL INCOGNITO.

Under their titles of Graf Georg, and Graf Conrad, which they have taken as incognito, Prince Georg and Prince Conrad, of Bavaria, arrived on the s.s. Bremen to-day on their way to Java to do some big game shooting. They expect to remain in the East for some time.

"A PACK OF LIES."

Amah Whose Story was Disbelieved.

Mr. Justice Gompertz expressed complete disbelief in the story that was told him by a discharged amah in the Summary Court this morning in her claim for wages in lieu of notice.

Tee San brought an action against Mrs. Tolan, claiming eleven dollars, being a month's wages in place of notice.

The defendant denied liability. Plaintiff, in the box, said that she entered the defendant's service on Nov. 27 of last year, her wages being fixed at the rate of \$11 per month. She stayed until January 4, "when they dismissed me. They beat me and drove me out," said the plaintiff.

His Lordship:—When did you last get your wages?

Plaintiff:—I never got any.

Not a Cash.

His Lordship:—Not a cash?

No.

His Lordship:—What reason did they give for dismissing you?—They wanted me to darn stockings after twelve at night and I refused to do it, and asked for my wages.

His Lordship:—What were your duties?—General amah.

His Lordship:—Have you any witness?—No, the cook saw that I was struck but I don't know whether he will say so.

His Lordship:—Who struck you?—My mistress.

His Lordship:—Not the master?—No, the mistress struck me; she struck me three times.

His Lordship:—You say the cook saw it?—Yes, but I don't know whether he will say so.

Wanted Her Money.

Mrs. Tolan, in the box, said that the plaintiff came to her on December 28 and was with her in all eight days. On January the second, or third, the cook came to her and told her that the amah wished to have her money and accordingly witness paid her the sum of \$150 for the part of the month that she had worked. Defendant asked her if that was sufficient and she had replied that it was. On January 4 she went to a friend's house and returned home at eleven o'clock with her three girls. She asked the amah to get their night dresses and getting them, she threw one at the feet of the eldest girl. Another one, witness noticed, had a hole in it and she asked the amah why she had not mended it. She became insolent and used a very filthy expression in Chinese and said that she would go at once if the witness would give her her money. She then packed up her things and sat on her bed, refusing to go unless she had her wages. Witness pushed her out, and the next morning she returned and again asked for money.

Later she summoned witness at the Magistracy. She, Mrs. Tolan, went to see Mr. Woodcock and he advised her to take out a cross summons. When the case came on for hearing the plaintiff did not put in an appearance and the case was dismissed by Mr. Hazeland. The summons taken out was for wages and assault.

Mrs. Tolan's cook gave corroborative evidence.

His Lordship:—Tell the amah she has told me a pack of lies and I am going to dismiss the case. Tell her to go away.

HUGHES COMEDY COMPANY.

The Hughes Comedy Company again staged "The Speculators" last night to a large house which was unstinted in its applause.

The Company seems to us to have more of all-round cleverness than on its last visit. The chorus, for instance, is decidedly better and sweeter-toned, and the fun is as fast and furious as ever. And the comedies actually are comedies—sheer fun from beginning to end. "Nursery Rhymes" and "Everybody's doing it" as rendered last night, were alone worth going to hear.

To-night a double bill is promised—"The Bullfighters" and "Three of a Kind."

Road Closed.

The P.W.D. notify that Wood Road is closed to traffic on account of the construction of the new P.W.D. store.

MISSIONARIES IN CONFERENCE.

Scope of the Work Capable of Increase.

Synchronising with the visit of the Rev. Cyril Birdsey, central secretary of the Church Missionary Society in London, and F. Baylis of London, an important conference of Missionaries has been in progress at St. Stephen's College, on the as a movement whole. These two gentlemen are on a visit of inspection to all the Church Missionary stations in the East, and Hongkong has been included in their itinerary. They also paid a visit, with Bishop Lander, to Canton, and further went up the East River with his Lordship, who opened a new Church and held a confirmation.

For the past week missionaries from different parts of the diocese of Victoria have assembled, and it is expected that, as a result of the conference, the movement will be much strengthened. We learn that the two visitors are deeply impressed with the opportunities presented for increasing the scope of the work.

REHEARING APPLICATION REFUSED.

Magistrate Believes the Evidence.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, applied to Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, for the rehearing of a case in which his worship had sentenced a man to one month's imprisonment and four hours' stocks, for stealing cloth at Hung Hom.

The defendant, said Mr. Lewis, was a shoemaker, according to information, carrying on business in Hollywood Road, where he had four foks. On the day he was arrested he went to Hung Hom to collect some money owing to him by a friend in the cement factory. On his way, before crossing to Hung Hom, he met another friend and had tea with him. He spent all the money he had in his pocket except sufficient to pay his ferry fares, expecting to have \$3 from the man at the cement factory to take him back. Whilst on his way to the factory he passed across the land at the back of complainant's premises, and, as he was passing, he was arrested. The cloth alleged to have been stolen was some distance away from him.

His Worship: Yes, but there is evidence that he was seen to throw it away. This application must be refused. I believe the evidence absolutely. He threw the cloth down and ran away and he was caught running. There is also evidence that he was in the shop examining the cloth. He must go back to gaol and finish his time.

BIJOU THEATRE.

The latest programme at the Bijou is a specially good one containing two "batches" of "World's News" (war pictures, the new French President etc.), a Wilkes picture and a particularly pretty photo-play in colours, called "The Blind Beggar's Daughter." Miss Dolly Swift is as clever and fascinating as ever in her songs, "Kiddo" and "You're not the only Rosebud" and Miss Ada Rowley is gaining much applause for "Only one of the toys." We are informed that Mr. Stephenson is making a new departure at the Bijou by the engagement of a really first-class concert singer, Miss Cecile Stephano. Miss Stephano, who has a contralto voice of very high quality, is a New Zealander, well known throughout Australasia as a soloist. Her engagement begins on Saturday and we wish her a highly successful season.

APPLICATION FOR RECOVERY.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the case was mentioned in which Mr. J. Hennessey, Solicitor, sued Clara Blanch, to recover the sum of \$43.

Mr. F. Mason, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. A. S. Bass for the defendant.

Mr. Russ applied for discovery saying that he wanted to see the bills alleged to have been signed.

The application was granted.

BOXER IN COURT.

Charge of Carrying a Sporting Gun Dismissed.

Jack Cordell, the Champion Mid weight boxer of the Orient and the Pacific Coast, and Alexander Grant, a revenue officer, were charged before Mr. Hazell today with being in possession and carrying about a sporting gun without a permit, on the Shaikwan Road, on the 19th inst.

Inspector Gourlay prosecuted, and Mr. J. H. Gardiner defended. Mr. Gardiner pleaded not guilty, and said one was exempted. According to the Ordinance he was an excise officer.

Inspector Gourlay:—Not to carry a fowling piece—arms used with his duties.

Mr. Gardiner:—It does not say so in the Ordinance.

His Worship:—The Ordinance exempts every such body. If I had a fowling piece I am an exempted person.

Discharged.

Mr. Gardiner:—You can carry either a revolver or a fowling piece.

Inspector Gourlay:—If I cannot prove that, I will prefer another charge later on.

Mr. Gardiner:—Will your Worship discharge No. 2. (Grant)?

His Worship: I do not know if it is a point of law.

Mr. Gardiner:—The Ordinance does not define arms at all.

His Worship:—No, it does not define arms; anyhow, you withdraw the summons against Grant?

Inspector Gourlay:—Yes.

His Worship (to Grant) You are discharged.

Explaining to his Worship the circumstances of the case against the remaining defendant Inspector Gourlay said the story was to the effect that he, along with another, shot birds on the road, and some of the pellets fell near two ladies who were walking along the road.

Boy's Evidence.

A boy, twelve years of age, said he lived at Tsat Sze Mui village. He could not recognise the defendant. He recognised him on the 10th inst but could not do so now because it was a long time since he saw him. He could see the defendant very plainly now, but for all that, he could not recognise him. He identified a man at the Belle View Hotel, on the 10th in the presence of Inspector Gourlay. The day before he had seen the man shoot a bird on the prays. He was sure the man had a gun. This was shortly after five o'clock in the evening. He saw two men but only one had a gun. He could not recognise the other man (Grant who was called into Court). He picked up six birds for the man. The shooting stopped about 5.30 p.m.

Said He was the Man.

Inspector Gourlay said that on the 10th inst. about seven o'clock in the evening he saw the defendant in the dining room of the Belle View Hotel. The first witness pointed him out. There was only one man in the dining room and that was the defendant. A few minutes before this he saw the defendant in another part of the hotel. He asked him if he was Mr. Cordell and defendant answered yes. He asked him if he was out shooting yesterday. Afternoon with Mr. Grant. Defendant said he was out with a gun but he did not know his name. When the name Grant was mentioned again defendant said he thought that was the name. Later he took the boy to the dining room and he said that was the man.

By Mr. Gardiner:—He took the boy who had given evidence straight to the room where Cordell was. He did not take the boy to anyone else.

Defendant in the box said his name was Jack Cordell. He was a professional boxer. He had never had any sort of a gun in this Colony. He never fired a shot whilst in the Colony.

By Inspector Gourlay: He did not tell him (the inspector) he was out with Mr. Grant and that Grant lent him the gun. He did not see him shoot at all. He had never been out shooting with Grant.

His Worship: The summons will be dismissed.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.
Interport Team.

The following have been selected to represent Hongkong in the forthcoming Interport Association Football Match to be played in Shanghai on the 6th and 7th of February (Chinese New Year Holidays):—

Messrs. R. C. Barlow (Capt.), W. V. Pennell, A. Hamilton, D. Campbell, O. Wilkie, R. J. Brown, R. S. R. Swan, Pearson, Lewis, Colmer, Green, and Dollmann. Mr. A. S. Ellis (Hon. Secretary) will also travel with the team.

The Interport team will leave Hongkong by the S.S. "Anhui" sailing on Saturday February 1 (midnight). There will be a special launch to convey the team on board, leaving Blake Pier on the night of February 1 at 10 p.m. sharp.

Shield Competition Opens.

The Football Shield competition for the present season opens to-morrow. A match will be played in the first round, between the Club and Staff and Departments, on the Club ground. The kick off is at four o'clock. The following have been selected to represent the Club:—R. C. Barlow, goal; H. I. Jones and A. Hamilton, backs; D. Campbell, R. F. Long (capt.) and O. Wilkie, half-backs; D. Larkins, W. A. Wilson, W. V. Pennell, P. Wilkie and P. F. Benton, forwards.

American Football.

What promises to be the most exciting, hardest played and most scientific American Rugby game of the season, in Hongkong, will be played on the Happy Valley gridiron on Saturday January 25, at 2.30 p.m., between the fast eleven of the U.S.S. Piscataqua and the star eleven of the U.S.S. Wilmington. Both elevens have been diligently preparing for the game and are equally confident of the honours.

HOCKEY.

Hongkong Club Defeat Y.M.C.A.

A very interesting hockey match took place on the ground at Happy Valley last night, when the Hongkong Club met the Y.M.C.A. This was the first time that either team has turned out this year, consequently it was an unusual interest centred in the game. The Association played for the first ten minutes with only ten men, but the arrival of Hocking made up a strong team. There were quite a number of new players in the Club's team.

The Club's forwards got going immediately from the bully-off, and passing the Association's defence, netted a good goal. They were afterwards kept well in hand by the opposing half backs, who kept the forwards well up the field. The equalising goal was scored from a capital run up, and a second by the Association a few moments later was ruled off-side. Before half time the Club added a further goal.

From the bully off in the second half, the Association attacked strongly. Edmonds, Mound and Mills did excellent work, and Mound scored a pretty goal after some close work. The Club managed to break through the Association's defence, however, and scored the winning point. Scores:—

Hongkong Club... 3 goals.
Y.M.C.A. ... 2 goals.

CRICKET.

Civil Service "A" V. Police R. C.

The following team will represent C. S. C. C. "A" on Police Ground: Messrs. E. F. Gibson, J. S. Jiles, H. Ellis, J. Tacchi, W. Edmonds, C. Sara, J. McKay, F. Becon, A. Poster, A. G. Pile and E. W. Dawson.

Yachting.

The entries for the inter-club yacht races held in connection with the Corinthian Yacht Club, close this evening at 6 o'clock.

ARMS ON BOARD.

Before Mr. O. D. Malbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, a junkmaster was charged by European constable 47, with having on board two guns (very old), a small quantity of gunpowder and dynamite and bullets, without a permit. When his junk was visited by the police he denied that he had any arms or ammunition on board. On a search being made the articles mentioned were found. Defendant was fined \$50 or in default six weeks, and the arms etc. were confiscated.

TWO CLAIMS.

Cases Against the "China News."

Two cases against the "China News" interested the Summary Court, this morning. The first case was that of the Wah Yick, for whom Mr. F. X. D'Almada e Castro appeared and preferred a claim for \$98.33; and the second was that of the Wo Shing, represented by Mr. P. W. Goldring, for \$168.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro appeared for the defence, and asked for adjournment for a week.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada:—I understand the defendants are about to close their establishment.

Mr. Leo D'Almada:—My friend has his remedy; an interim attachment.

His Lordship:—You can apply for security; are you going to sell the business?

Mr. Goldring:—I have a case against the same defendants, and my instructions are that they are closing down.

Mr. Leo D'Almada:—They have their remedy.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada:—I would like to know for whom my friend is appearing. He is appearing for a firm, and must appear for some of the partners.

Mr. Leo D'Almada:—I am prepared to give the usual information.

Mr. Goldring:—All we want is an early day. There is no defence.

Mr. Leo D'Almada:—My claim is for paper supplied; they could not print their paper without it.

Mr. Leo D'Almada:—I would ask you to adjourn it in the ordinary way, for a week.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada:—There is no defence to the action. Mine is for rice supplied.

Mr. Leo D'Almada:—For rice supplied to a newspaper! (laughter).

Mr. Jackson:—I have also a case against the same firm.

His Lordship:—Do you know they are going to close down?

Mr. Leo D'Almada:—They are in a good position. They are collecting subscriptions due.

His Lordship:—I think Tuesday next will not hurt you.

"AGONY OF MIND."

A Plaintiff who Keeps Defendant in Suspense.

This morning, in the Summary Court, the case was mentioned in which the plaintiff had been away to the North, in consequence of which there had been previous adjournments.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Denny of Messrs. Denny and Bowley for the defendant.

Mr. Gardiner applied for a further adjournment, stating that his client had not returned.

His Lordship:—When is he coming back?

Mr. Gardiner:—I have a telegram that we may expect him at any moment.

Mr. Denny:—I would ask your Lordship to strike the case out. I think the plaintiff has no right to issue a writ and then go away and keep us in suspense.

His Lordship:—I cannot grant you compensation for agony of mind, (laughter) but I can consider it when it comes to fixing costs.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Defendant Identified by means of Finger Print.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, before Mr. C. D. Malbourne, four men were charged at the instance of Inspector McHardy, with committing an armed robbery at 41 Leung On Street, Wanchai, and stealing \$141 in money.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada appeared for the third and fourth defendants.

Sergeant Watt identified the second defendant, by his finger print, as having returned from banishment. This man, he said, was banished on November 20, 1910. He also produced records and photographs.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

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CASE SETTLED.

This morning in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, T. R. Nicolsted Margot Lando, 39 Wyndham Street, to recover the sum of \$150.62.

Mr. Gardiner, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that the case had been settled so far as the claim was concerned, the defendant having paid the amount claimed but not the costs. He applied for permission to prove the case in chambers to-morrow.

The application was granted. Madame Flint also proceeded against the same defendant claiming \$150.30, being the balance due for dresses supplied.

Judgments were given against the defendant who did not appear in court.

OPIUM SMOKERS.

Eighteen men were charged with smoking opium at 2, U Hing Lane, Wanchai, at the Police Court, this morning; and were fined \$2 each. Sergeant Gerard proved the case. Seven men were charged by Sergeant Gerard with smoking opium at 138, Queen's Road East. One man for keeping was fined \$25 or in default one month and the remainder \$2 each.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-NIGHT.

Bijou Theatre.

Hughes Musical Co. Victoria Theatre.

TO-MORROW.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Regatta.

Race Entries Close.

Green Island Cement Co. Extraordinary General Meeting—noon.

To-day's Advertisement.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING ISHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS on MONDAY 10th February, 1913 at noon, for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of the DIRECTORS together with STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS for the year ending 31st December 1912.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the COMPANY will be closed from 1st February to Monday 10th February, 1913, (both days inclusive), which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors: MOW-BRAY'S NORTH-COTE.

Acting Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 24th Jan. 1913. (138)

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

G. R. R.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Wood Road will be closed to traffic from this date and until further notice on account of the construction of the New Public Works Department Stores, W. CHATHAM.

Director of Public Works, Public Works Office, Hongkong, 23rd Jan. 1913. (138)

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

MEMBERS are reminded that Entries for the next Race Meeting close by the Undersecretary to-morrow Saturday the 26th inst. Those entering ponies are requested to send their entries to the office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, No. 3 Chater Road, Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex before 3 p.m.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 24th Jan. 1913. (139)

NOTICE.

IT has been decided to form a St. Patrick's Society in Hongkong and with a view thereto all Irishmen in the Colony are requested to at once furnish their names and addresses to A. E. G. Jackson of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master or to D. E. Donnelly of Messrs. Garner, Quelin & Co. If sufficient response is forthcoming hereto a meeting will be held on a date to be arranged of which due notice will be given.

Hongkong, 24th Jan. 1913. (131)

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 31st of Jan. 1913, will be subject to risk. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st of Jan., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 7th of Feb. 1913, or they will not be recognized.

A Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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| SHANGHAI..... | WINGSANGI | Tuesday, 28th Jan., at daylight |
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| AMEGIOA &c... | YOKOHAMA MARU (Capt. K. Noda) T. 12,500 | TUESDAY, 28th Jan., at Noon |
| | SINABA MARU (Capt. S. Tomimaga) T. 12,500 | TUESDAY, 11th Feb., at Noon |
| SHANGHAI, MOJI & KORE | TOTOMI MARU (Capt. A. Mocker) T. 5,000 | WEDNESDAY, 29th Jan., at Noon |
| KOBE & YOKOHAMA | HITACHI MARU (Capt. Y. Yamanaai) T. 12,500 | THURSDAY, 30th Jan., at 11 a.m. |
| EUROPE &c... | MISHIMA MARU (Capt. A. E. Moses) T. 18,000 | WEDNESDAY, 29th Jan., at daylight |
| | KAGA MARU (Capt. K. Tabu) T. 12,500 | WEDNESDAY, 12th Feb., at daylight |
| BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo | KAWACHI MARU (Capt. A. Christensen) T. 12,500 | MONDAY, 3rd Feb., at Noon |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | KIRIN MARU (Capt. Deguchi) T. 5,000 | MONDAY, 3rd Feb., at Noon |
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| Atsuta Maru | 18,000 | 26th February |
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| Miyazaki Maru | 18,000 | 26th March |
| Kitsano Maru | 18,000 | 9th April |
| Iyo Maru | 12,500 | 23rd April |
| Mitsuru Maru | 18,000 | 7th May |
| Taigo Maru | 18,000 | 21st May |
| Izumi Maru | 12,500 | 11th February |
| Shidzuoka Maru | 12,500 | 25th February |
| Tamba Maru | 12,500 | 11th March |
| Awa Maru | 12,500 | 25th March |
| Sado Maru | 12,500 | 14th April |
| Yokohama Maru | 12,500 | 22nd April |
| Izumi Maru | 12,500 | 6th May |
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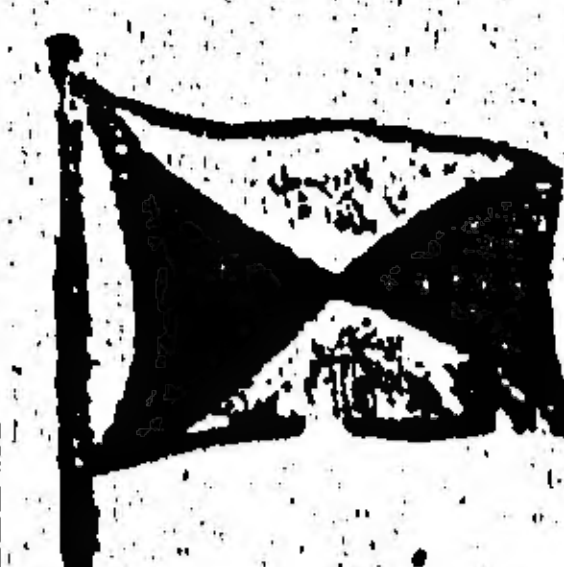
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|-----------|------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
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| " SUEVIA15th Feb. | " S.S. FURST BULOW26th Jan. |
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LOG BOOK.

Salvage Actions.

In the Admiralty Court last month a number of consolidated actions were brought to recover salvage remuneration for services rendered to the Glasgow steamship "Glenroy" after she had been in collision with the Dutch steamship "Rijnstroom" in the River Humber, off the Alexandra Dock, at Hull, on the night of Nov. 2 last. The collision action resulted in the "Rijnstroom" being found alone to blame. The plaintiffs in the present actions were the owners, masters, and crews of several steam-tugs. The award which the President made was as follows:—Diplomat, £240; Minna, £210; Hutton, £125; Clansman, £135; the Hull and the Dock Authority, £385—of that I give £50 to the master and crew of the Hull; Mr. Wheelton £238, to include £130 expenses; Mr. Spink £50, and Mr. Collins £25—making a total award of £1,708.

Clyde Shipbuilding.

The annual returns of shipbuilding and engineering on the Clyde are now practically complete, and they show the largest output yet recorded for a single river in any county. On Clyde-side no fewer than 381 vessels were launched this year with a total tonnage of 642,214, and increase of nearly 12,000 tons over last year. Marine engineering had also a "record" year, the output of machinery totalling 877,125 indicated horse-power, an increase of nearly 80,000 horse-power. Messrs. John Brown and Co., Clydebank, were easily first for marine machinery. The tonnage of vessels launched represents more than Germany's complete output last year, and twice that of the United States. The prospects for the Clyde during the coming year are extremely good. The year is closing with practically every berth occupied, and, barring labour disputes, another "record" should be established.

Marine Oil Engines.

The new, a limited company with a capital of £1,000,000, is being formed for the purpose

of building motor ships—that is to say, ships propelled by oil engines—has caused great interest in shipping circles, says the "L and C Express," where it has for some time been recognised that the recent success of vessels fitted with oil engines has brought appreciably nearer the time when great changes in ocean traffic as the result of the adoption of oil fuel and internal combustion engines must follow. Sir Marcus Samuel is one of the signatories of the new company. On March 28 last Sir Marcus, speaking at a discussion before the Institute of Naval Architects on the results of the trials of the Diesel-engined Salandia, said that if it had been possible to get Diesel boats built in England he was prepared with his friends to find a million of money and go into the business as it deserved. It is evident that he and his friends have been convinced since he made that statement that it is now possible to build motor ships in this country, and an attempt is to be made to establish the industry on a grand scale. The new factory which is being organised in Glasgow by the Burmeister and Wain (Diesel System) Oil Engine Company is already a very satisfactory start. At present, however, the company are clearing off the contracts for the steam-engines booked by the London and Glasgow Shipbuilding Company before the shops were acquired from that firm by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast—who sold them later to the Burmeister and Wain Company—and the making of oil-engines will not be begun until February. There are orders on hand already for Diesel machinery for six vessels. Two of these are twin-screw ships, each of 2,250 h.p., which Messrs. Harland and Wolff are to build—either at Belfast or at Glasgow—for the East Asiatic Company, of Copenhagen; one is an Atlantic Transporter of 3,290 h.p., which the same firm are to build at Glasgow; and the others are the three steamers, Pangon, Bandou, and Champon, which were built at

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European Ports.

| Destination. | Vessel's Name. | For Freight Apply To | To be Dispatched. |
|---|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| London | Assaye | P. & O. Co. | 1 February |
| London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c. | Sunda | P. & O. Co. | 5 Feb., about |
| Havre and Hamburg, &c. | Altmark | H. A. L. | 6 February |
| Havre, Bremen and Hamburg, &c. | Brigavia | H. A. L. | 8 March |
| Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg, &c. | Fuerst Buelow | H. A. L. | 28 January |
| Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan | Kiyo Maru | T. K. K. | 1 February |
| Capo Ports via Mauritius | Dunerie | Bank Line | End of February |
| Copenhagen and Baltic Ports | Canton | A. N. & Co. | 30 January |
| Marseilles | Goldenfels | H. A. L. | 10 February |
| Trieste, &c. | Bohemia | S. W. & Co. | 13 February |
| Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c. | Vorwaerts | S. W. & Co. | 1 Feb., about |
| Marseilles, London and Antwerp | Mishima Maru | N. Y. K. | 29 January |

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

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| Boston and New York | Lovat | D. & Co. | 28 Jan., about |
| San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c. | Persia | P. M. Co. | 28 January |
| do do do do do | Koraj | P. M. Co. | 4 February |
| do do do do do | Shiyo Maru | T. K. K. | 11 February |
| New York via Suez Canal | Indrawadi | J. M. & Co. | 10 Jan., about |
| Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c. | Mexico Maru | O. S. K. | 5 February |
| Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c. | Yokohama Maru | N. Y. K. | 28 January |
| Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle & Tacoma, &c. | Ookley | Bank Line | 29 January |
| Vancouver | Monteagle | C. P. R. Co. | 8 March |
| Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c. | Empress of Japan | C. P. R. Co. | 8 February |
| Vancouver B.C., and Portland (Or.) | Sithonia | H. A. L. | 23 March |

Australia.

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| Australian Ports via Manila | Coblentz | M. & Co. | 25 January |
| do do do do do | Eastern | G. L. & Co. | 1 February |
| do do do do do | Nikko Maru | N. Y. K. | 12 February |
| do do do do do | Changsha | B. & S. | 3 February |

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

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| Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c. | Tjitaroom | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do do do do do | Tjinhahi | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| Singapore, Penang and Rangoon | Upada | J. M. & Co. | 27 January |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | Dilwara | D. S. & Co. | 24 January |
| Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta | Hakata Maru | N. Y. K. | 25 January |
| Sandakan | Mausang | J. M. & Co. | 24 January |
| Bombay | Kawachi Maru | O. S. K. | 3 February |
| Kudat and Sandakan | Borneo | M. & Co. | Beg. of February |
| Lapan | Tjiliwang | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| Kobe and Moji | Japan | D. S. & Co. | 30 January |
| Kobe and Yokohama | Hitachi Maru | N. Y. K. | 30 January |
| do do do do do | Prinz Sigismund | M. & Co. | 4 Feb., about |
| Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama | Kumano Maru | N. Y. K. | 12 February |
| Yokohama and Kobe | Fuzika | J. M. & Co. | 7 February |
| Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai | E. F. Ferdinand | S. W. & Co. | 1 Feb., about |
| Pakhoi and Haiphong | Sungkiang | B. & S. | 24 January |
| Kwang-chow-wang and Haiphong | Si-Kiang | M. M. Co. | 20 January |
| Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy | Sosha Maru | O. S. K. | 5 February |
| Swatow | Haimun | D. L. & Co. | 28 January |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Haiyang | D. L. & Co. | 24 January |
| do do do do do | Haidong | D. L. & Co. | 28 January |
| do do do do do | Haitan | D. L. & Co. | 31 January |
| Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy | Daigi Maru | O. S. K. | 26 January |
| Foochow via Swatow and Amoy | Kaijo Maru | O. S. K. | 29 January |
| Manila | Loongsang | J. M. & Co. | 25 January |
| do do do do do | Yuensang | J. M. & Co. | 1 February |
| Manila, Cebu and Iloilo | Taan | B. & S. | 28 January |
| Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu | Rabi | S. T. & Co. | 27 January |
| do do do do do | Zafiro | S. T. & Co. | 5 February |
| Ningpo and Shanghai | Changchow | B. & S. | 25 January |
| Shanghai, Moji and Kobe | Tokomi Maru | N. Y. K. | 29 January |
| Shanghai, Kobe and Moji | Thongwa | D. S. & Co. | 14 February |
| Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama | O. J. D. Ahlers | H. A. L. | 11 February |
| do do do do do | Ville de la Clotat | M. M. Co. | 27 January |
| Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama | Den of Crombie | J. M. & Co. | 10 Feb., about |
| Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama | Somali | P. & O. Co. | 27 Jan., about |
| Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama | Bremen | M. & Co. | 24 Jan., about |
| Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji | Yeddo | A. N. & Co. | 27 January |
| Shanghai | Tjilatjap | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do do do do do | Tjibodas | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do do do do do | Tjikini | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do do do do do | Bohemia | S. W. & Co. | 29 January |
| do do do do do | Himalaya | P. & O. Co. | 30 Jan., about |
| do do do do do | Linan | B. & S. | 25 January |
| do do do do do | Wingsang | J. M. & Co. | 28 January. |

Whiteinch in 1909, and are owned by the East Asiatic Company. The steam-engines of the three 1909 vessels to be replaced by Diesel engines, and the ships will then be employed, not on the African service as they are present, but on the Siamese route. They will each have Diesel engines of 1,600 h.p., instead of the reciprocating steam engines of 2,100 h.p., with which they are at present fitted, and which have been used for less than three years. The exchange of machinery will be made late this year. A Belfast correspondent states that an interesting development has taken place in connection with the alterations now being carried out by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Belfast, on the White Star liner Olympic. These include the construction of what will be a new inner shell, which is being built 3 ft. from the outer hull. It was expected when the alterations were decided upon that the 3 ft. of space all round the ship would be so much waste, but the owners have now agreed to make experiments in the use of oil fuel. For this purpose the space in the forward part of the ship will be prepared for the conveyance of oil, and pipes will be laid on to one of the boilers now being altered for the purpose

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of the oil. It is anticipated that these experiments, which will begin which the Olympic resumes her sailings next March, will confirm the impression already formed regarding the utility of oil in place of coal. In that event the whole space surrounding the new White Star liner Britannic, now being built at Belfast will be used for the storage of oil, and the experiment continued on a much larger scale on that vessel when she takes up the service.

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| Shanghai, | Linan. |
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| From | Vessels |
|-----------|---------|
| Shanghai, | Yushun. |

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The P. M. s.s. Siberia, left San Francisco on the 9th inst., for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Japan ports and Manila.

The P. M. s.s. China, sailed from San Francisco on the 17th inst., for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Japan Ports and Manila.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru, arrived at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 31st inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyu Maru, arrived at San Francisco from Hongkong via usual ports on the 16th inst., and leaves again on the 1st February.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru, left Kobe for Yokohama on the 19th inst., and is expected at San Francisco on the 7th February.

The P. M. s.s. Persia, will leave this port at 1.00 p.m. on the 28th inst., for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu.

The P. M. s.s. Korea, arrived at Manila on the 22nd inst., will leave for Hongkong on the 26th inst., and is due to arrive at this port 9.00 a.m. the 28th inst.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. Empress of India, left Yokohama for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., on the 19th inst., at noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Sigismund, left Sydney on the 11th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 3rd February.

The E. and A. s.s. Aldenham, left Sydney on the 15th inst. for this port, via Queensland ports and Manila.

The E. and A. s.s. Empiro, left Sydney on the 20th inst. for this port, via Queensland ports, Timor and Manila.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Somali, left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst. at 4 p.m., and is due here on the 26th inst., at about noon.

The H. A. L. s.s. Furst Bulow, left Shanghai on the 23rd inst. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst., a.m.

The A. L. s.s. E. F. Ferdinand, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., and will arrive here on the 30th inst.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Yatshing, from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong on the 1st prox.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Namsang, from Calcutta, is due at Hongkong on the 4th prox.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Fooshing, from Guaymas, is due at Hongkong on the 5th prox.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. Cheongahing, from Bangkok, is due at Hongkong on the 26th inst.

The Shire Line s.s. Den of Crombie, from London, is due at Hongkong on the 6th prox. She passed Calcutta on the 7th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru, left Callao for Salina Cruz on the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the 20th March.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru, left Salina Cruz for Callao on the 17th inst., where she is due on the 25th inst.

The O. S. K. s.s. Chicago Maru, which left Hongkong on the 27th November, arrived at Tacoma on the 27th ult., a.m.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co's s.s. Yoddo, left Suez on the 2nd inst., and is expected to arrive here on or about the 27th inst.

The s.s. Glenlogan, passed the Suez Canal on the 27th ult., for Hongkong via Straits.

The A. A. S. S. Co's s.s. Inverclyde, passed the Suez Canal on the 7th inst., and is due here on or about 5th prox.

The American & Oriental Line s.s. Joseric, which left here on the 1st November for Boston and New York, arrived at the former port on the 9th inst.

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Dovawongso, Ger. s.s., 1,051, E. Gathemann, 22nd Jan.—Bangkok 16th Jan., Rice.—B. & S.

Dunerie, Br. s.s., 1,210, Joh. Tul-lock, 21st Jan.—Bangkok 13th Jan., Rice.—B. L.

Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,037, S. Robinson, R.N.R., 18th Jan.—Vancouver, B.C. 26th Dec., Mail and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Hunan, Br. s.s., 1,216, J. Speed, 12th Jan.—Canton 18th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,025, Sidford, 17th Jan.—Manila 14th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Kiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,757, T. Ota, 19th Jan.—Moji 14th Jan., M'dise.—T. K. K.

Kyodo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,218, S. Mopisaki, 23rd Jan.—Canton 22nd Jan., Ballast.—M. E. K.

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Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leask, 21st Jan.—Manila 18th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

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Produce, Nor. s.s., 743, E. Winsnes, 16th Jan.—Bangkok 8th Jan., Rice.—Order.

Shengking, Br. s.s., 1,043, Uowan, 16th Jan.—Canton 15th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Taithybus, Br. s.s., 6,525, H. L. Allen, 21st Jan.—Vancouver 10th Dec., Gen.—B. & F.

Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,500, Fraser, 20th Jan.—Saigon 16th Jan., Rice.—W. F. Shing.

Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, Lange-chwager, 23rd Jan.—Pakhoi and Hoihow 22nd Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Upada, Br. s.s., 2,382, Logan, 22nd Jan.—Moji 17th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE:

Welsh Paper's Attack.

The bitterest attack on the Welsh party and the Liberal Government which has ever appeared in a Radical paper is contained in a vigorous editorial in a recent issue of the "Genedl Gymreig." This is the most powerful of the Welsh papers, is published at Carnarvon, was once controlled by Mr. Lloyd George, and is still regarded as being a strong upholder of his policy. After detailing the circumstances of the Government's surrender on the Welsh Church Bill, the "Genedl" says:—

Is it not time that Wales should speak out plainly to the Welsh members, to English Liberals, and to the Government which includes five Welsh members? Are the sacrifices of Welsh electors to return Liberals to Parliament to prove in vain? Are the speeches of Welsh members at election times to be nothing but empty promises? Since the General Election in 1908 the Welsh members have received more honours in the form of titles and office than ever before fell to the lot of all the representatives from Wales taken together. Was it for this they were elected? What would it benefit Wales if every member received title or office if her representatives do not work her will in Parliament? As to the speeches of Sir Brynmor Jones and Sir Herbert Roberts it were better they had never been delivered. If these speeches mean anything they mean that Disestablishment without Disendowment is quite enough. Will they come down to Wales to preach this doctrine to the electors?

Outlining what must be the policy of the Welsh members for the future, it says they must speak and vote against all proposals for concessions. If the Government accedes to demands for such concessions the Welsh members must give warning that they will not accept a mutilated bill and demand that it be dropped. Mr. Lloyd George and his Welsh colleagues in the Ministry must then resign office as they are publicly pledged to do. The Welsh members must go into opposition and vote solidly against Home Rule and every other Government measure.

AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

The importance to the Filipino people of the work of the American can be responsible for the government of the islands is strikingly shown, says the "L. and C. Express" in the measures taken to obviate a famine as the result of the failure of the rice crop and the efforts to prevent a recurrence of such a situation. The annual report recently received by the Insular Bureau shows that the production of rice in the Philippines for more than ten years past has fallen far short of the amount required to meet the demand for this chief food staple of the majority of the Filipino people. Last year it will be remembered the Government were authorized to purchase rice for sale at cost price, and at the same time the Insular Legislature directed the Governor-General to recommend to it measures of a permanent character tending to assure an adequate supply of foodstuffs. While a solution has not yet been reached that would prevent a recurrence of the very serious shortage of the main food staple, rice, much interest attaches to the active efforts that are being made in this direction. To begin with, a campaign of education has been carried on by the Bureau of Education to generalize the use of Indian corn or maize as a food substitute for rice. Perhaps the most lasting harm caused by the existing conditions is that the people, owing to the failure of their own crop and having no other resources, are forced to leave their fields and homes and seek employment elsewhere to secure food. The natural movement under these conditions is to the large centres of population where employment may be had.

ENGLISH AIRMAN'S FATE.

Death in a Gale on the Yorkshire Coast.

Mr. Edward Petre, the airman, was killed on December 24 at Marske, on the north Yorkshire coast, while attempting to make a non-stop flight from the Brooklands flying ground at Weybridge, Surrey, to Edinburgh.

He started in a Martin-Hand-assyde monoplane at 2.15 a.m., and reached Yorkshire safely. Passing over Hunsall, where there is a precipice of 300 ft., he flew over Lillburn. There was then a gale blowing, and a number of the villagers of Marske saw that the airman was in difficulties. A gust of wind turned the machine, and a second gust is said to have caught the tail of the monoplane and swung it round.

The machine then fell with such force that half the engine became embedded in a field, while the woodwork in the frame was smashed, and the tail was the only portion not entirely wrecked. Mr. Petre's neck was dislocated, and death must have been instantaneous.

According to eye-witnesses, Mr. Petre made a desperate struggle in mid-air for his life. Again, they state, he glided and circled, and then beat up against the gale. Sometimes he would swoop down towards a field, only to be lifted up again by the wind. Once a safe descent appeared to be almost certain, the machine being but a few feet from soft pasture, but a gust took him upwards once more. His struggles before the last fatal dive were magnificent.

Mr. Petre, who was only twenty-six, was a member of a very old Roman Catholic family. He was the second son of Mr. S. H. Petre, solicitor, of Ingatstone, Essex, grandson of the Hon. H. W. Petre, of Springfield Lawn, Essex, and first cousin once removed of Lord Petre. He was an instructor at Brooklands, and had been engaged for some time past in testing machines for the War Office. His brother, Mr. Henry Aloysius Petre, also an airman, recently obtained an appointment under the Commonwealth Government. The brothers were known in flying circles by the nicknames "Peter the Painter" and "Petre Monk."—"Daily Mail."

NEW YORK WOMEN.

Best Dressed in the World

New York December 16.—Although he has been in New York many times before, Sir Thomas Lipton has just announced that he thinks the women of this city are the best dressed in the world "but," he adds, "where do they get the money to buy the clothes?" He is equally certain that they are the most brilliant and intellectual on the globe. Why he continued "they can talk on any subject, and make it interesting."

NEW EDISON BATTERY.

West Orange (N. J.), December 16.—The Edison storage battery car achieved a new mark to-day when it climbed the side of Orange mountain, nearly a mile, and up grades as steep as 9.1-2 per cent. Today's test was informal, but on Thursday an official test will be made with Thomas A. Edison and officials of the Public Service Corporation aboard. President Frank Brewer of the mountain Railway said after the test: "It costs us 50 cents to make a round trip from Valley Road to Rock Springs. With the Edison car the expenditure of power was five kilowatts, at 1 cent a kilowatt, cutting the cost of operation 80 per cent."

Carried Off by Aeroplane.

Miss E. O. Pimlott, a professional nurse, of Hipperholme, near Halifax, was awarded at a sheriff's court at Leeds, £175 damages against Mr. R. L. Lashon, a Leeds engineer, for injuries sustained by being run into by his aeroplane. Miss Pimlott said that she was on the sands at Fley when she saw the aeroplane coming straight towards her. She tried to get out of the way, but was caught and picked up by one of the wings. She remembered seeing the sea, but then lost consciousness. When she recovered she was in a convalescent home.

COMMERCIAL.

Gula-Kalumpung Rubber Estates.

Messrs. Ilbert and Company, Limited, Shanghai, secretaries of the Gula-Kalumpung Rubber Estates, Limited, state they have received the following telegram from their London secretaries:—Rubber of all grades sold at auction 15,400 lbs. Average price 4s. 5d. Market price for shares—middle 36s. 3d. Para quoted at 4s. 6 1/2d.

Sakhalin Oil Fields. The statutory meeting of the above company was held at Olanon-street Hotel, on December 21, Dr. Paul Dvorkovitz, who presided, said the company had been formed for the purpose of operating petroleum claims in the island of Sakhalin. Claims in that island were granted on rather more favourable terms than petroliferous claims were granted in other parts of the Russian Empire. They were practically free from any royalty, and the area which was given was not like the area given in claims in other parts of the Russian Empire, where they had to select 27 acres out of a claim of 100 acres; but in Sakhalin they selected 100 acres, and the whole of that area went to the leaseholder. There was another advantage in the Sakhalin claims, that, whereas in the parts of the Russian Empire the claims were granted on a twenty-four years' lease, in Sakhalin they were granted in perpetuity, or, at least, until the claims were worked out. On the majority of their claims an extension of time had been granted before they had to start their boring operations in order to apply to the Government for a perpetual lease. Immediately the company went to allotment they sent out an expedition of 28 Russian workmen to the western part of the Sakhalin Island for the purpose of preparing houses, preparing timber for the rigs, and also timber for other purposes, such as fuel. This expedition had now been on the field for two months, having started in September last, and they were already preparing for starting boring operations. An English expedition was sent out from England immediately after the company was formed, but owing to difficulties in regard to transport, they had been compelled to wait until the end of December in order to send the expedition over the ice. The Russian Government had done everything in their power to assist the company and its expedition; in fact, they received only the day before a wire from the Government of Sakhalin that it was going to send the company's men overland and do the necessary preparatory work for them. Thus they expected by February to be able to start the boring operations. The promoters and vendors of the company had taken up half of the working capital, and arrangements were now being made by the board that they should take up the whole of the working capital which was left unused.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.
 Rice Chartering Activity. London, Dec. 21. While home-ward business is still difficult to effect, the inquiry all round being on a very small scale, the prospects in the leading trades are somewhat more favourable to owners. The River Plate has taken a turn for the better, as, although the value for prompt loading at San Lorenzo does not exceed 20s., there is a broadening of the demand for January-February positions, followed by a rise of from 21s. 6d. to 22s., and as the prospects are said to be excellent as regards the new crops, owners are confident and anticipate a further rise. American, however, is decidedly quieter with rates on a somewhat lower level, grain from the Northern ports having booked at from 3s. 3d. down to 2s. per qr. for January shipment, while Galveston booked at 4s., and on Form "O" Savannah secured a steamer at 50s. The feature of the Eastern markets was a fairly large inquiry from rice shippers in Burmah, who have paid from 31s. 6d. to 32s. 6d. United Kingdom Continent and 32s. Holland for January-February, and this has given a firmer appearance to India, but the inquiry from that quarter is very limited. In the Philippines.

Home Commercial and Produce Market.

December 27.

The Bank rate remains unchanged at 5 per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 4 1/2 per cent, and discount of four months' Bank bills 4 1/4 per cent. The tone of the Silver market has been distinctly heavy, notwithstanding that supplies have been more plentiful, and bars are now quoted 28 15-16d. per oz. The Rubber share market has been quiet, in common with all other departments of the Stock Exchange, but it has kept very firm, Messrs. Keller, Wallis and Co. notify that as from Jan. 1, 1913, the style of the firm will be Keller, Bryant and Co., the partners remaining unchanged. The Produce Markets have been interfered with by the Christmas holidays, and many of the usual public auctions are suspended. Coffee is quiet, but steady. In Sugar, a small business has taken place at prices showing little change. Both Singapore Pepper and White Pepper are practically without alteration, being quiet but steady. Rice quiet and prices unchanged. Manila Hemp is firm, and little business has transpired. Plantation Rubber has been firm and dearer, good average sheet being quoted at about 4s. 6d. per lb. Fine Hard Para is 4s. 7 1/2d. per lb. Straits Tin is £227 15s. to £228 5s. for cash £228 to £228 10s. for three months.

Chinese Finance.

London Dec. 27.

Mr. F. A. Aglen, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has submitted to President Yuan Shih-kai some slight corrections of his recent memorandum in connection with forthcoming payments of loans and indemnities secured on the Customs. The memorandum reckoned the Japanese share of the Boxer indemnity as 18,500 yen, instead of £18,500. On the other hand, later returns show a moderate estimate ought to give the native Customs surplus an extra £1,000,000, namely, £1,000,000, instead of £1,800,000. Moreover, the statement did not allow interest on the large sums of Customs money that have been lying in the banks at Shanghai, nor did it give any consideration to the refund of the American share of the Boxer indemnity. So that, while the error stands for a shortage of £204,000 in the year's income, or £238,000 up to the end of 1912, the extra £1,000,000 adds well over £300,000. As regards the funds in the banks, it will be remembered that when the Revolutionaries some 12 months ago endeavoured to obtain control of the Customs revenues at the Central and Southern ports it was arranged by International Agreement that the revenues should be paid by the local Commissioners of Customs into the foreign banks at Shanghai, as a reserve. These funds accumulated until last month, when Mr. Aglen ordered the payment of £247,230, thereby paying the indemnity in full up to the end of October, 1911. Other of these payments are still in the banks. It is impossible to state exactly what amount of interest will accrue for the rate has to be arranged. Of the returned portion of the American indemnity the greater part of it goes to the maintenance of the Chingwa College in Peking and kindred institutions, while a portion is utilised to defray the expenses of Chinese students educated in America. The total of the American share is £4,725,000 of which £1,000,000 is reserved as security against settlements of claims for compensation.

U. S. and Siam—The Newly Appointed Minister.

A telegram was received recently from H. E. Mr. Carpenter, the newly appointed American Minister to Siam, stating that he would arrive in Hongkong about the 8th of this month. He would therefore probably reach Bangkok on or about the 18th. Mr. Fred W. Carpenter of California, secretary to President Taft from 1909 to 1910, was appointed as Minister to Morocco on June 2, 1910, when he retired as Mr. Taft's Secretary. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a member of the bar of Minnesota and California. From 1900 to 1909 he was Secretary of Governor Taft.

